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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request the filing of a continuation-in-part application in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(2).

Enclosed are:

- 1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
- 2. A Specification having a total of eighty-two (82) pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and twenty-two (22) claims.
- 3. Sixteen (16) sheets of drawings.
- 4. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Please amend the specification of this application by inserting, at the beginning thereof, the following:

-- This application is a continuation-in-part application claiming the benefit of application serial number 09/096,653 entitled LAYERED ABSORBENT STRUCTURE WITH A HETEROGENEOUS LAYER REGION and filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 12, 1998. The entirety of application serial number 09/096,653, is hereby incorporated by reference. --

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This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate.

The undersigned may be reached at telephone number 920-721-2435 or fax number 920-721-7339. Respectfully submitted,

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